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Virginia M. Barry, Ph.D. Commissioner New Hampshire Department of Education 101 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301-3860

Dear Commissioner Barry:

The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) acknowledges your electronic submission via RSA's management information system (MIS) of the State Plan for the Title I Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services Program and Supplement for the Title VI-B Supported Employment (SE) Services Program in the form of a preprint of affirmative assurances and required attachments on behalf of the New Hampshire Vocational Rehabilitation (NHVR) in compliance with Sections 101(a) and 625 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, as amended (the act).

The State Plan, in the form of a preprint of affirmative assurances and required attachments, was reviewed to ensure conformity with statutory provisions of the act, implementing regulations and the administrative requirements of RSA. Based on this review, the State Plan is approved. In accordance with the approval of the State Plan materials, RSA is making available to New Hampshire its fiscal year (FY) 2012 Title I, Part B, and Title VI, Part B, grant awards.

The approved FY 2012 NHVR State Plan will be published by RSA and available to the general public on RSA's MIS by Monday, October 3, 2011. Individuals, who wish to read the State Plan at that time, may visit http://rsamis.ed.gov/view_info.cfm, select the appropriate state, search for "VR State Plan" and select "View the VR State Plan."

NHVR continues to share a great deal of information with the public regarding its use of fiscal and manpower resources, and strategies for improving the VR program. This transparency and the significant involvement of the SRC, has resulted in a State Plan that captures the way the agency is evolving from year-to-year and the value that it places on consumer input.

If you or your staff have questions related to this review or the approval of the FY 2012 State Plan, please contact your state liaison, Deborah Cotter, at (202) 245-7361, or deborah.cotter@ed.gov.

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We appreciate your timely submission of this information and your continuing efforts to assist individuals with disabilities to achieve high-quality employment outcomes.

Sincerely,

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